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1Program Overview

CNCCat application is intended to create a catalogue of Internet resources and articles. The program is easy to install, to set up, and to maintain. Its functionality includes:

- Adding, editing, and deleting links and articles;
- Checking links;
- Filtering links (“through categories”);
- Creating “black”/“white” lists of links;
- Creating and editing categories of unlimited nesting level;
- Creating cross-categories;
- Exporting data into RSS;
- Searching through the catalogue;
- Automatic e-mail notifications;
- Administering module with moderators involved;
- A set of templates for interface configuration;
- Importing links and formatting themes from the previous CNCCat versions.

To start make CNCCat function, you should have PHP and MySQL. The application supports multi-language interface (the distribution kit includes: Russian, Ukraine, English, and Czech languages).

Note: This manual describes the principles of working with the catalogue within the bounds of the program interface. The ways to configure templates, additional fields, database and etc. are given in separate documents, please see [Useful Articles \(HOWTO\)](#).

2Installation

To install CNCat 4.1.1, do the following:

1. Download CNCat from the official website: <http://www.cn-software.com/cncat>.
2. Extract the files from the archive and then place them into any directory of your site (you can place the files into the root directory).
3. Run the installer. To do this, specify the path to folder /install/ in the Browser address field. For example, <http://www.server.com/cncat/install/>. As a result, the installation wizard will appear in the screen.

In case you are running the update of the previous CNCat version and there is a 'config.php' file located in /cncatconfig folder, then you will be asked to log in as an administrator first.

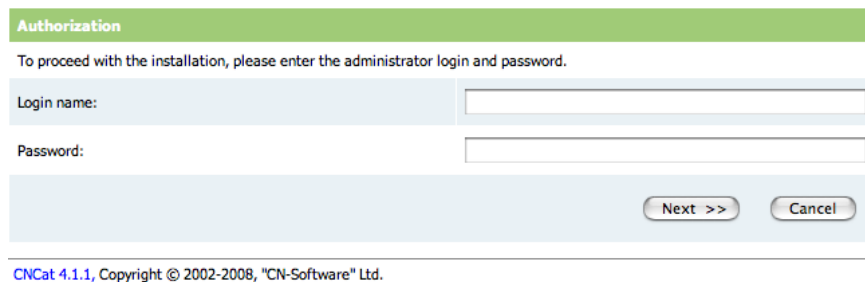
The screenshot shows the 'Authorization' step of the CNCat 4.1.1 installation wizard. It has a green header bar with the title 'Authorization'. Below the header, it says 'To proceed with the installation, please enter the administrator login and password.' There are two input fields: 'Login name:' and 'Password:'. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Next >>' and 'Cancel'. At the very bottom, there is a small copyright notice: 'CNCat 4.1.1, Copyright © 2002-2008, "CN-Software" Ltd.'

Fig. 1 – Administrator Login

At the first step, select the installation language:

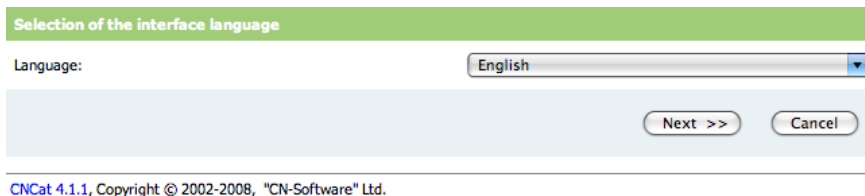
The screenshot shows the 'Selection of the interface language' step of the CNCat 4.1.1 installation wizard. It has a green header bar with the title 'Selection of the interface language'. Below the header, it says 'Language:'. There is a dropdown menu currently showing 'English'. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Next >>' and 'Cancel'. At the very bottom, there is a small copyright notice: 'CNCat 4.1.1, Copyright © 2002-2008, "CN-Software" Ltd.'

Fig. 2- Selecting Interface Language

At the second step, you should accept the License Agreement to continue installation:

License Agreement

Read the following License Agreement:

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License agreement for use and distribution.

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☒ I accept the agreement.

Next >> Cancel

Fig. 3 – License Agreement

Then, the wizard will check your server configuration for conformance with the system requirements:

Check Results

PHP 4.3.0+	Yes
MySQL	Yes
GD	Yes
MB String	Yes

Next >> Cancel

Fig. 4 – Check Results

Next, you will be prompted to configure connection settings (some parameters are set up automatically):

MySQL Connection Parameters

MySQL server (typically, "localhost"): localhost

MySQL login name: sandbox8

MySQL password: jPDCxw4eBYSu8jZy

Database name: sandbox8_cnstats_ru

Prefix for CNCat tables: cncat411en_

Next >> Cancel

Fig. 5 – Connection Settings

Specify the following parameters on this form:

- *MySQL: server, login name, password* – data for establishing connection with MySQL server. Enter data you have or data you've got from the hosting provider or databases server administrator.

- *Database name* – database name. You can choose any name here.
- *Prefix for CNCat tables* – a prefix for CNCat database tables names (by default, 'cncat41_').

Click **Next**. The installer will check you workstation for the existing version of CNCat. In case the current CNCat version is found on your computer, you will be prompted to delete all the existing program tables and install CNCat one more time (to do this, check the corresponding checkbox, and then click **Next**). To ignore this update and to leave everything as is, click **Cancel**.

Fig. 6 – Updating Current Version of CNCat

In case the installation wizard finds the old version of CNCat, then you will be prompted:

- either to update the old version up to the current one;
- or delete the tables of the old version and install the new one:

Fig. 7 – Updating the Old CNCat Version

Click **Next**, to install new version of the program.

At the next step, the wizard will display the form to set up catalogue parameters:

Fig. 8 – Setting up Catalogue Parameters

Specify the following values:

- *Interface settings: interface language, theme* – program interface language and graphical design theme selection.
- *Administration: login name, password* – data necessary for catalogue administering.

Click the **Next** button and the wizard will create all required tables in the database. In case the database does not exist, the installer will try to create it.

Then, the installation wizard will display the 'config.php' file content. You should create this file manually and place it into the catalogue the CNCat is installed in, and then insert the result code:

```
<?php
// Common config settings
// All settings in this file will override the settings loaded from database
$CNCAT["config"]["login"] = "admin";
$CNCAT["config"]["apassword"] = "d8578edf8458ce06fbc5bb76a58c5ca4";

$CNCAT["config"]["db"]["host"] = "localhost";
$CNCAT["config"]["db"]["user"] = "sandbox8";
$CNCAT["config"]["db"]["password"] = "jPDCxw4eBYSu8jZy";
$CNCAT["config"]["db"]["name"] = "sandbox8_cnstats_ru";
$CNCAT["config"]["db"]["prefix"] = "cncat4_";
$CNCAT["config"]["db"]["charset"] = "utf8";
?>
```

Fig. 9 - Configuration File Code

Provided the previous step has been completed correctly, the wizard will display the message about successful installation completion (otherwise, the code for 'config.php' file will be displayed again). After that, delete /install/ folder from the server. To start working with the catalogue, specify the path to the catalogue interface in the Browser address field (for example, <http://www.server.com/cncat/>), or use the link on the installation form:

Fig. 10 – Installation Completion

After installation has been completed, go to administrator interface (see paragraph [Administrator Interface](#)) and enter License key there. Get free or commercial key at website: <http://www.cn-software.com/ru/cncat/>

License

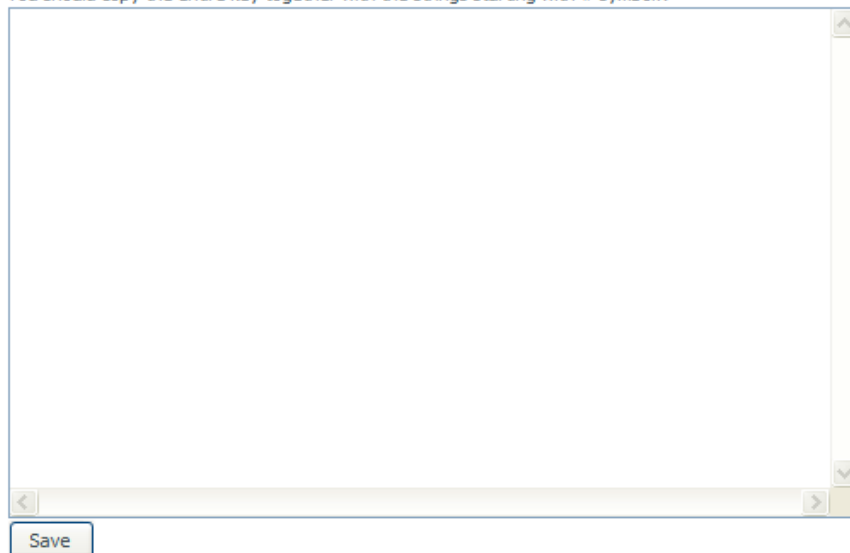
Unlicensed copy of CNCat.

You should enter the license key for the domain

[Get free register key for limited use of CNCat. License "free".](#)
[Buy register key for full version. "Owned" or "Leased" license.](#)

Enter the license key text below.

You should copy the entire key together with the strings starting with # symbol.:



The image shows a web form for license submission. It consists of a large, empty text input field with a vertical scrollbar on the right side. Below the text field is a small button labeled "Save".

Fig. 11 – Form for License Submission

Enter the full license code into the text field and then click the **Save** button. After your license has been accepted, you will be able to access all the other administrator page sections and to manage your catalogue.

3Upgrading Previous Versions

3.1Upgrading CNCat 4.x



Important! Before upgrading, save a backup copy of all data (*Administration – Settings – Export*). In case the upgrade is incorrect, you will be able to restore all data using the backup copy.

If the current CNCat version is 4.0 or higher, then there are two ways to update up to the new CNCat version.

The first one (recommended) – installation over the old catalogue. You should copy new files over the old ones and then run the installation in the *Upgrade* mode. The database will be automatically upgraded.

The second way is to install new version into the separate folder and database. After installation is over, you should import data from the old database and copy configuration files from the previous version.

Both upgrade methods are described in the following paragraphs.

Note: If you've modified the catalogue formatting, you should modify the theme to enable new functions (see below).

3.1.1 Installing CNCat 4.1 over 4.0

Save the backup copy of the database. To do this, export data from the old version into the XML-file (*Administration – Settings – Export*).

Copy new version files over the old files. Run the installation (see paragraph [Installation](#)).

While installing, you will be prompted to upgrade the old version. Select one of the methods: update the already installed version or delete program tables and install new version (Fig. 7). In the latter case all the data will be deleted.

3.1.2 Installing CNCat 4.x into the Separate Database

Install the new CNCat version into the separate folder and new database (see paragraph [Installation](#)). You can use the same database, but the different tables prefix, for example 'cncat41_':

1. In the administrator interface, select the *Settings – Import – Import from CNCat 4.x – Import from XML and database*.
2. Specify database name and tables prefix of the previous version.
3. Click the **Import**.

Note: The importing process can take some time. When importing, information on the amount of already imported data is displayed.

For more information on data importing, see paragraph [Importing](#).

3.1.3 Updating Design Themes

If you use the modified formatting theme, you should change it to enable new functions of the catalogue.

New themes have been significantly modified, that is why, if you are using one of the standard themes with your modifications, we recommend to modify the newly updated theme in the same way.

If the standard theme has been radically modified, then do the following:

1. Save a backup copy of your theme.
2. Copy new files from the ‘default’ theme into your theme:
 - editor.css
 - add_article.tpl
 - article.tpl
 - extended_article.tpl
 - /images/category-big.gif
 - /images/rss.gif
3. Copy file ‘add.tpl’ from the ‘default’ theme over the file of your theme.
4. To enable the link ‘Add Article’: in ‘common.tpl’ file of the ‘menu’ template, substitute the string

```
{IF !$CNCAT[config][add_disable]}...
```

for:

```
{IF !$CNCAT[config][add_disable]}<a
href="{ $CNCAT[abs]}cncat_add.php"><strong>{ $CNCAT[lang]
[menu_add_link]}</strong></a> |{ENDIF}

{IF $CNCAT[config][add_article_enable]}<a
href="{ $CNCAT[abs]}cncat_add_article.php"><strong>{ $CNCAT[lang]
[menu_add_article]}</strong></a> |{ENDIF}
```

5. To enable section *New Articles*: in ‘index.tpl’ file of the ‘index’ template, after the string

```
{DISPLAY NEW_ITEMS}
```

add:

```
<br>{DISPLAY NEW_ARTICLES}
```

Also, we recommend to copy ‘newitem*’ templates code from the standard theme.

6. To enable the section for selecting the displayed elements of the catalogue *All/References/Articles*:
 - Copy all ‘itemtype*’ templates from the file ‘common.tpl’ of the standard theme into the new theme.
 - In ‘index.tpl’ file of the ‘index’ template right before the string

```
{DISPLAY SORT}
```

add the following string

```
{DISPLAY ITEM_TYPES}<br>
```

7. To enable RSS: in the ‘category.tpl’ file of the ‘catpath_currentcat’ template, add as the last string:

```
{IF $CNCAT[page][show_rss]}<a href="{ $CNCAT[abs]}cncat_rss.php?c={ $CNCAT[page]
[cid]}"></a>{ENDIF}
```

3.2 Upgrading CNCat 3.1, 2.1, 2.0, 1.4

! Important! Before upgrading, save a backup copy of all data into XML-files (*Administration – Settings – Export*). In case the upgrade is incorrect, you will be able to restore all data using the backup copy. For more information, see your CNCat User Manual, paragraph ‘Export’.

To upgrade CNCat versions 3.x, 2.x, and 1.x, do the following:

1. Save a backup copy for versions 3.x and 2.x – export data into XML-files (see the manual for your current CNCat version, paragraph Export).
2. Save the backup copy of all old catalogue files.
3. Install CNCat 4.1.1 into new folder and new database (or into the same database, but with the different prefix for the tables. By default, the prefix was ‘cncat_’). For more information, see paragraph [Installation](#).
4. Import data directly from the old database or from XML-files.
5. You can also choose to import design from the old database.
6. If you have modified the files ‘_top.php’ and ‘_bottom.php’ in the old version, then copy them into the new version.
7. Make sure the catalogue and its all functions work fine.
8. Once you remove all old files, place the catalogue files into the old folder.

In the following paragraphs, the way data and design can be imported is described.

3.2.1 Importing Data from Old Database Directly

To import data from the old database:

1. Go to administrator interface, then select the *Settings – Import – Importing from CNCat 3.x, 2.x, 1.x – Importing from database*.
2. Specify the database name and table prefix. Open ‘config.php’ file of your old catalogue version to get these values:
 - `$db["name"]="database name";`
 - `$db["prefix"]="prefix";`
3. Click the **Import** button.

Note. The importing process can take some time. When importing, information on the amount of already imported data is displayed.

3.2.2 Importing Data from XML

To import data from XML files:

1. Go to administrator interface, then select the *Settings – Import – Importing from CNCat 3.x, 2.x – Importing from XML*.
2. Check the *Clean the catalogue before importing* field.
3. Browse for the XML files if they are of a small size (1 Mb at most):

Import from XML of CNCat 2.x, 3.x

Import

Clean the catalogue before importing (all entries will be deleted without any possibility to restore them; the links importing is performed into an empty catalogue)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Overwrite, if the link with that ID already exists	<input type="radio"/>
Omit, if the link with that ID already exists	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
File with categories	<input type="button" value="Choose File"/> no file selected
File with links	<input type="button" value="Choose File"/> no file selected
The list of files for import on the server (in the cncat_export folder):	
There are no files.	
<input type="button" value="Import"/>	

Fig. 12 – Importing XML from Local Disk

If the files size is larger than 1 Mb, upload the files into the `/cncat_export/` folder and then refresh the import page. On the import form, check the *Clean the catalogue before importing* option:

Import from XML of CNCat 2.x, 3.x

Import

Clean the catalogue before importing (all entries will be deleted without any possibility to restore them; the links importing is performed into an empty catalogue)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Overwrite, if the link with that ID already exists	<input type="radio"/>
Omit, if the link with that ID already exists	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
File with categories	<input type="button" value="Choose File"/> no file selected
File with links	<input type="button" value="Choose File"/> no file selected
The list of files for import on the server (in the cncat_export folder):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cncat_links.xml <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cncat_rubrics.xml	
<input type="button" value="Import"/>	

Fig. 13 – Importing XML file from Server

4. Click the **Import** button.

Note. The importing process can take some time. When importing, information on the amount of already imported data is displayed.

3.2.3 Importing Design

New CNCat stores formatting in files, which is different from the CNCat version 3.1 and earlier. For more information on formatting, see ‘Design Themes’ manual.

Note 1. Importing design themes function is a trial one yet. After you import the themes, there can be slight differences in the pages format comparing to the old catalogue version.

Note 2. If your current operating system is not Windows (for example, FreeBSD, or Linux), make sure PHP is able to create folders and files in `/cncat_config/themes/` folder. Consult your hosting support staff about these abilities.

To import formatting from the old catalogue, you should do the following:

- Go to administrator interface, and then select the *Settings – Import – Importing from CNCat 3.x, 2.x – Importing Design*.

Importing design from CNCat 2.x, 3.x

[Import](#)

Attention! If the theme already exists, then it will be rewritten.

Importing design form database	
Theme name	<input type="text"/>
Folder for a theme (directory cncat_config/themes)	<input type="text"/>
Database name	<input type="text"/>
Table prefix	<input type="text" value="cncat_"/>

Fig. 14 – Importing Design from Previous Versions

- Specify the new theme name (this is how it will be displayed in the list of themes).
- Specify the folder for the new theme (this folder will be created when importing).
- Enter the old catalogue version database name and table prefix. These values are stored in the 'config.php' file of your catalogue old version:
 - `$db["name"]="database name";`
 - `$db["prefix"]="prefix";`
- Click the **Import** button.

Go to the *Settings – Catalogue – General Settings*. Make sure the design theme is displayed in the list (see the *Theme* dropdown list).

4Catalogue User Interface

4.1 Main User Interface Elements

User interface consists of the following elements:

- Menu (1).
- The catalogue search (2).
- Filters (3).
- The list of the catalogue categories (4).
- Links sorting (5).
- The complete list of all the catalogue links (6).
- Options allowing to select catalogue layout (all content, only links, only articles) (7).
- The list of new links (8) - displays the latest submitted links.
- The list of new articles (9) – displays the latest submitted articles.

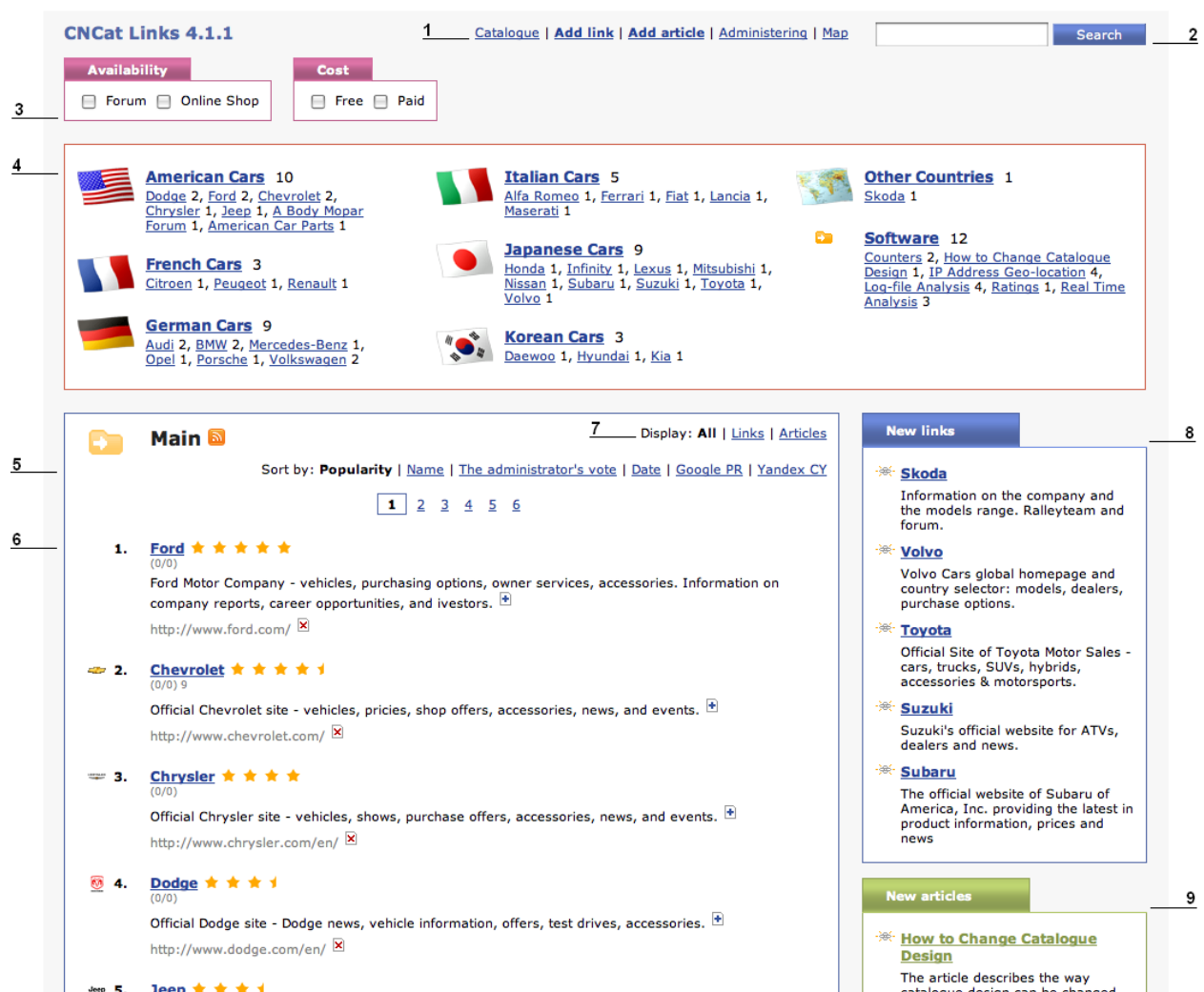


Fig. 15 – Main Catalogue Page

- The path to the currently selected category and category's name (10):



Fig. 16 – Main Catalogue Page – Path to Current Category

Note: The GUI design depends on the selected theme (see [Catalogue](#)).

Menu bar (1) allows you to add link, article, and to go to the administrator interface (see [Administrator Interface](#)) and to the catalogue map.

Search engine (2) allows finding the required link in the catalogue efficiently.


Filters (3) are intended for sorting out the links list by various parameters (language, geography, resource type etc.). The filtering parameters can be set up in the administrator interface; its number and variety of values are unlimited. Several values of each filter can be selected for each link (see [Filters](#)).

The list of categories (4) includes the number of links contained in every category/subcategory. Each link can be stored in one or more categories. Besides, it is possible to create cross-categories, which are links to existing categories (see [Catalogue Elements](#)).

A standard sorting mechanism (5) allows sorting links by popularity, name etc.

There are the following parameters defined for each link in the list of all catalogue elements (6):

- jumps from/to the site (in brackets);
- the link rating in Google PR and Yandex CY;
- level of “favour” links (marked by “star” icons) (see [Adding Link](#));
- brief description of the link;
- the link URL.

To view detailed description of a link, click on the icon :

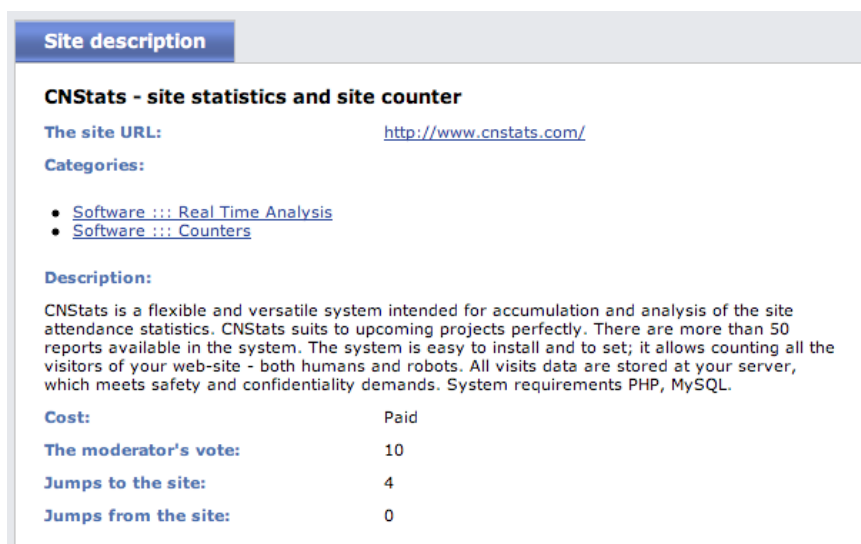


Fig. 17 – Detailed Link Description

The following parameters are specified for each article in the catalogue list (6):

- article title;
- abstract;
- source link.

To display the content, click on the article title:

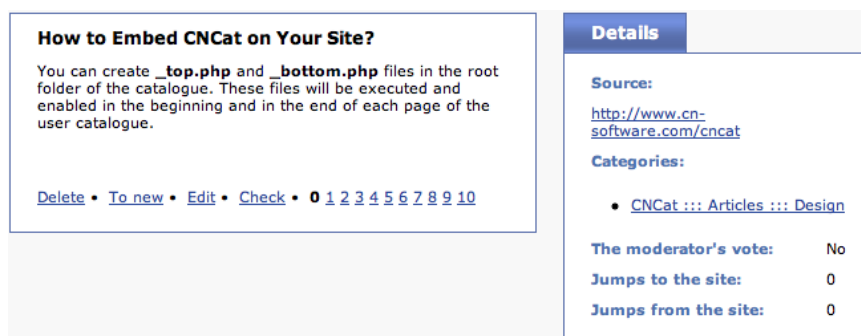



Fig. 18 – Article Contents

To inform the moderator about a link, which does not display its contents, click on the icon  (see [Warnings](#)).

4.2 Adding Link

There are two algorithms of adding links:

- By means of a wizard (recommended).
- By means of one-step form (brief variant).

The advantage of the wizard is in checking of a backward link while adding. To generate a backward link, you should know its identifier, which is generated at the first step of the wizard. In one-step mode, the identifier generation stage is omitted, therefore, backward link checking is possible only after adding the link into the catalogue.

Setting of addition mode and parameters is performed in the administrator module (see [Links](#))

The catalogue administrator, as well as moderators, can add links via administrator interface (see [Adding Link](#)).

4.2.1 Add Wizard

To add a link, click on the *Add link* section in the menu bar; the following dialog box will appear on the screen (see Fig. 19).

Note. The given example describes a standard set of adding parameters. It may differ, depending on the settings specified at the administrator interface.

At the first step, you should specify the site name and address; enter the characters displayed in the image (protection from automatic adding) and click the **Next** button:

Add link

Only working links are accepted.
The link will be checked for efficiency before passing over to the next stage. It may take some time.

The site name (up to 100 symbols):

The site URL (up to 100 symbols):

Enter the characters you see in the image:

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Next >>

Fig. 19 – Wizard: Step 1

Provided that the previous step has been performed correctly, the wizard will display the next step of the link adding.

Note. All the fields of the form are obligatory. In case one or more fields have been omitted, a warning will appear on the screen with the list of required fields.

At the next step, you should select a backward link from the given list and set it on the pages of the site, defining its address at the corresponding field. This step is optional and can be skipped:

Add link

Backward link is not mandatory.

The site URL (up to 100 symbols):

URL of the page with a backward link (up to 100 symbols):

The list of backward links:

```
<a href="http://sandbox2.cnstats.ru/en/cncat_from.ph2816">CNCat 4.1.1</a>
```

CNCat 4.1.1

<< Back Next >>

Fig. 20 - Wizard: Step 2

At the next step, you should specify the following parameters:

- Select a category (categories) and subcategory (subcategories), to which the link will be added (up to three).
- Enter an e-mail address for notifications concerning the link submission/refusal.
- Enter the link description (full description is optional).
- Specify values of META-tags 'keywords' and 'description'. These tags will be displayed in the detailed description of the link on a separate page.
- Select the filters values:

Add link

The site URL (up to 100 symbols):

http://cn-software.com/cnstats/index.php

URL of the page with a backward link (up to 100 symbols):

The site name (up to 100 symbols):

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Categories (maximum number is 3):

- ☐ American Cars
 - ☐ A Body Mopar Forum
 - ☐ American Car Parts
 - ☐ Chevrolet
 - ☐ Chevy Xtreme
 - ☐ Chrysler
 - ☐ Dodge
 - ☐ Dodge Pilothouse Club
 - ☐ Ford
 - ☐ Ford Forum
 - ☐ Jeep
- ☐ CNCat
 - ☐ Articles
 - ☐ API

E-Mail address (up to 100 symbols):

Author (up to 200 symbols):

Description (up to 1000 symbols):

Full description (up to 2000 symbols):

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META keywords (up to 1000 symbols):

META description (up to 1000 symbols):

Availability:

☐ Forum
☐ Online Shop
☐ Car Parts

Site:

☐ Official
☐ Unofficial
☐ Web-catalogue

<< Back

Next >>

Fig. 21 - Wizard: Step 3

To complete adding the link, click the **Next**.

Provided that all data have been entered correctly, the confirmation of successful link creation will be displayed. Further, the link will be considered by the administrator and added to the catalogue or declined.

4.2.2 One-step Add Link Form

One-step adding form comprises all steps of the wizard and contains the same fields:

Add a link

Only working links are submitted.

Before passing over to the next stage the link will be checked for efficiency. It may take some time.

The site URL (up to 100 symbols):

URL of the page with a backward link (up to 100 symbols):

The site name (up to 100 symbols):

Categories (maximum number is 3):

- ☐ Discuss
 - ☐ Forums
 - ☐ News Groups
- ☐ Services
- ☐ Software
 - ☐ Counters
 - ☐ IP Address Geo-location
 - ☐ Log-file Analysis

E-Mail address (up to 100 symbols):

Description (up to 1024 symbols):

Full description (up to 2048 symbols):

META keywords (up to 1024 symbols):

META description (up to 1024 symbols):

Cost: ☐ Paid ☐ Free

Enter the number, displayed on the picture:

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Add

Fig. 22 – Add Link Form

4.3 Adding Article

To add an article, click the *Add article* menu item on the main catalogue page. As a result the *Add article* form will be displayed. Specify the article title, abstract (which will be displayed in the list of categories for this article), and enter article text. Also, please select the category in the categories tree and the filters, specify the source link and fill in other fields:

Add article

Name (up to 255 symbols):

Abstract (up to 2000 symbols):

Article (up to 20000 symbols):

B I U | | | | -- Format -- ▾

Categories (maximum number is 3):

- ☐ American Cars
 - ☐ A Body Mopar Forum
 - ☐ American Car Parts
 - ☐ Chevrolet
 - ☐ Chevy Xtreme
 - ☐ Chrysler
 - ☐ Dodge
 - ☐ Dodge Pilothouse Club
 - ☐ Ford
 - ☐ Ford Forum
 - ☐ Jeep
- ☐ French Cars
 - ☐ Citroen
 - ☐ Peugeot

E-Mail address (up to 100 symbols):

Author (up to 200 symbols):

Source (up to 100 symbols):

URL of the page with a backward link (up to 100 symbols):

META keywords (up to 1000 symbols):

META description (up to 1000 symbols):

Cost:


☐ Paid
☐ Free

Availability:

☐ Forum
☐ Online Shop

Enter the number displayed on the image:

CNCat



CNCat

Fig. 23 – Adding Article

After all the necessary fields are filled in, click the **Add** button.

If you have entered all data correctly, the message box with the information about successful operation completion will be displayed for you. The article will be added to the catalogue for the administrator to accept it or decline.

4.4Search

To perform a search through the catalogue, you should enter a certain link parameter in the entry field and click the **Search** button:

Fig. 24 – Search Form

Provided that the request has been defined correctly, the system will display the result of the search:

Search

Sort by: **Popularity** | [Name](#) | [The administrator's vote](#) | [Date](#) | [Google PR](#) | [Yandex CY](#)

- [Logaholic Web Site Statistics](#)**
 (0/3) / PR: 5
 Logaholic Web Site Statistics. Convert logs to MySQL. [+](#)
<http://www.logaholic.com/> [✖](#)
- [CNStats - site statistics and site counter](#)** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
 (0/4) / PR: 5 / CY: 160
 CNStats is a flexible and versatile system intended for accumulation and analysis of the site attendance statistics. CNStats suits to upcoming projects perfectly. There are more than 50 reports available in the system. The system is easy to install and to set; it allows counting all the visitors of your web-site - both humans and robots. All visits data are stored at your server, which meets safety and confidentiality demands. System requirements PHP, MySQL. [+](#)
<http://www.cnstats.com/> [✖](#)
- [Opentracker.net - Website tracking, web statistics, website analysis](#)**
 (0/3) / PR: 7 / CY: 40
 Opentracker is a web site tracking tool built for website analysis. Analyze website statistics and monitor visitors online & 'real time'. [+](#)
<http://www.opentracker.net/> [✖](#)

Fig. 25 – Search Results

4.5 Broken Link Warning

The catalogue users can warn the administrator and the moderators, that a certain link in the catalogue does not display its contents. To single out these links, you should use the button [✖](#) to the right of the link name; the following warning will be displayed on the screen:

Are you sure that this link is broken?

[Yes](#) | [No](#)

Fig. 26 – Confirmation Request

Click **Yes** to confirm that the link is broken: it will be placed to the *Warnings* section of the administrator interface. Still, it will be displayed in the catalogue as well.

5 Administrator Interface

To enter the administrator interface, you should click on the *Administration* menu item and enter the administrator's login and password defined during the installation process. Then click the **Login** button:



The image shows the administrator login interface for CNCat 4.1.1. At the top, there is a green header bar with the CNCat logo (a stylized 'C' in blue and orange) and the text 'CNCat 4.1.1'. Below the header, there is a login form with two input fields: 'Login name:' and 'Password:'. To the right of the 'Password:' field is a 'Login' button. Below the form, there is a link that says 'Return to the catalogue.'

Fig. 27 – Administrator Authorization

In case an incorrect password has been entered, you will be returned to the entry form.

5.1 Links and Articles

5.1.1 Working with Links and Articles

A unique interface is implemented for working with various types of links and articles at the *Links and Articles* section (new, submitted, deleted etc.):

Links / Submitted

All categories ☐ Including subcategories

☐ Links ☐ Articles

Sort by:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

☐ Mark all the links on the page


	In	Out	PR	CY	ID
 Toyota / 12-05-2008 / 04-06-2008 http://www.toyota.com/ Categories: Japanese Cars ::: Toyota Description: Official Site of Toyota Motor Sales - cars, trucks, SUVs, hybrids, accessories & motorsports.	0	0	-	-	2789
<input type="checkbox"/> Delete • To new • Submit • Edit • 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 • Check • To the checking queue					
French Classic Cars / 14-05-2008 / 04-06-2008 http://www.francethisway.com/top10lists/frenchclassiccars.php Categories: French Cars ::: Citroen French Cars Description: The story of the classic car in France is more or less the story of Citroen. So that is where we will focus...	0	0	-	-	2800
<input type="checkbox"/> Delete • To new • Submit • Edit • 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 • Check • To the checking queue					
PROMOCJA STRON . Darmowe pozycjonowanie / 29-05-2008 / 29-05-2008 http://www.toruniak.eu/ Categories: CNCat ::: Web Catalogues Powered by CNCat Description: Niniejszy darmowy katalog stron uruchomiliśmy, aby skutecznie promować witryny internetowe. Aktywna promocja stron, to połowa sukcesu w osiągnięciu wysokich pozycji w wyszukiwarkach internetowych i zapewnieniu sobie stałej, dużej liczby użytkowników. Dzięki rzetelnemu wpisowi do naszego katalogu stron www zwiększysz swoje zarobki z inwestycji internetowych. Każda zgłoszona witryna przed zaakceptowaniem przechodzi proces weryfikacji. Szczególną pozycję na	0	0	-	-	2815

Fig. 28 – Links and Articles Processing Interface

There is a sorting mechanism at the top of the page, which allows to display links and articles sorted by categories, by dates etc.

Below is the list of links belonging to the given section (new, submitted etc.).

The following parameters are defined for each link:

- the link/article name with the source site icon (after the link checking). The background color is different for links and articles;
- the level of favour (marked by a star multiplied to its number - ★ × 5);
- the date the link/article was added on;
- the site URL (source site);
- the category;
- description;
- number of jumps from/to the site (In/Out);
- the link rating in Google PR and Yandex CY;
- the link ID;
- the result of the link's checking for correctness (🟢 - yes, 🚫 - no) with the checking date;

- the result of the link's checking for a backward link availability (🟢 - yes, 🚫 - no) with the checking date.

Under each catalogue element, there options allowing you to:

- delete a link/article (see [Deleted Links/Articles](#));
- submit a new link/article (see [Submitted Links/Articles](#));
- move a submitted/deleted link/article to the *New* category (see [New Links/Articles](#));
- edit the link/article parameters;
- define the administrator rating for link/article in the catalogue by selecting the required level (0-10);
- perform the link checking (see [Checking Links](#));
- assign the link to the checking queue (see [Checking Links](#)).

To process several catalogue elements at a time, you should mark them off and click the corresponding buttons for group operations at the bottom of the page. To process all links displayed on the current page, you should enable the option *Mark all the links on the page*, located under the links list.

By default, the option *All marked links* is enabled, i.e. group operations will be applied to all marked links. To apply the operation to all the catalogue elements, found in this section, you should select the option *All found links*.

To edit the link/article parameters, you should use the *Edit* option. As a result, the editing form will be displayed on the screen:

Links / Editing

Link 1

The site name

The site URL

URL of the page with a backward link

Categories

- ☐ American Cars
 - ☐ A Body Mopar Forum
 - ☐ American Car Parts
 - ☐ Chevrolet
 - ☐ Chevy Xtreme
 - ☐ Chrysler
 - ☐ Dodge
 - ☐ Dodge Pilothouse Club
 - ☐ Ford
 - ☐ Ford Forum
 - ☐ Jeep
- ☐ CNCat
 - ☐ Articles
 - ☐ API
 - ☐ Banners

E-Mail

Description

Official Site of Toyota Motor Sales - cars, trucks, SUVs, hybrids, accessories & motorsports.

Full description

B I U | | | | | HTML

Keywords in META

Description in META

Jumps from the site / Jumps to the site

PR / CY

Site

- ☒ Official
- ☐ Unofficial
- ☐ Web-catalogue

Availability

- ☐ Forum
- ☒ Online Shop
- ☐ Car Parts

Link display mode

Full description display mode

Favourite links (level)

Status ☐ New ☒ Submitted ☐ Deleted

Send email notification ☐

Fig. 29 – Edit Link Form

To edit a link, you should enter the required modifications into corresponding fields equal to those of the addition form. Besides, you can set the following additional parameters of the catalogue elements:

- define displaying variant for a link and its detailed description;
- assign ‘favourite’ level for an element by setting the required level. Favourite elements are displayed at the top of the links list and are marked by the star icon with its number. The number of stars corresponds to the indicated level (maximum – 10). Sorting of favourite elements is performed in decreasing order;
- define the element status (new/submitted).

To save changes, you should click the **Save** button. To restore initial data, click the **Cancel** button.

5.1.2 New Links/Articles

This section contains catalogue elements, registered in the system but not submitted in the catalogue. The section interface and options are equal to above-described (see [Working with Links and Articles](#)). The links and articles of this section are not displayed in the catalogue.

5.1.3 Submitted Links/Articles

This section contains links and articles, submitted by the administrator and added to the catalogue. The section interface and options are equal to above-described (see [Working with Links and Articles](#)).

5.1.4 Deleted Links/Articles

This section contains links and articles, deleted from the catalogue or from the administrator sections by the administrator. The section interface and options are the same as the ones described above (see [Working with Links and Articles](#)), except for the option *Delete from DB*: the link or/and article will be deleted from the catalogue database physically without any possibility to restore it.

Links and articles located in this section can be restored by moving into the *Submitted* category (thus, they will be displayed in the catalogue again) or to the *New* (without being available in the catalogue) with the help of the corresponding buttons.

5.1.5 Drafts

This section contains links, which are being added at the moment (in case the wizard is used):


Links / Drafts


All categories ☐ Including subcategories

☐ Links ☐ Articles

Sort by:

☐ Mark all the links on the page

	In	Out	PR	CY	ID
 CN-Software / 17-06-2008	0	0	-	850	2816

<http://cn-software.com/cnstats/index.php>  17-06-2008

Categories: Not defined

Description:

☐ [Delete from DB](#)

☐ Mark all the links on the page

☒ All marked links ☐ All found links

Fig. 30 - Draft

Links of this section can only be deleted without possibility to restore. To do this, click the **Delete from DB** button.

5.1.6 Warnings

The section contains links, which have been considered broken by the catalogue visitors (see [Broken Link Warning](#)).

The section interface and options are equal to the above-described ones (see [Working with Links and Articles](#)). Besides, you can remove a link from *Warnings* section by using **Cancel the warning** button: the link will be displayed in the catalogue again.

5.1.7 Search

The section is intended to search for the catalogue elements using various criteria. By setting the required parameters, you can generate a list of catalogue elements equal to the ones described in the above sections.

The search form consists of the following parameters:

- selection of a category, containing required elements;
- definition of an element status (new, submitted, deleted);
- selection of filters;
- definition of initial and final dates (date the element was added);
- field for textual request.

Search results can be sorted out (see [Working with Links and Articles](#)).

Links / Search

All categories ☐ Including subcategories **Select**

☐ Links ☐ Articles

☐ New ☐ Submitted ☐ Deleted

☒ Any ☐ Working ☐ Broken ☐ Working links with a backward link

Site: ☐ Official ☐ Unofficial ☐ Web-catalogue

Availability: ☐ Forum ☐ Online Shop ☐ Car Parts

☐ Initial date: 17:16 17.05.2008 ☐ Final date: 17:16 17.06.2008

Search request:

Search **Reset**

Sort by: **Date** **Decreasing order** **Sort**

Fig. 31 – Search Form

5.1.8 Checking Links

The section is intended for checking links, which have been marked by the administrator in other sections by clicking the **To the checking queue** button (see [Working with Links and Articles](#)).

Note: In case of the articles check, all the operations are applied to the *Source* field.

To check a link or a group of links, you should select the following parameters at the top of the page:

- check the link efficiency;
- check availability of a backward link;
- obtain Google PR and Yandex CY ratings;
- obtain the site icon (favicon);
- define the number of intermediate results per page;
- define time limit for displaying pages with intermediate results of checking (the page will be reloaded automatically in the specified period);
- submit the link automatically and display it in the catalogue.

Links / Checking

Use search option to fill the queue.

[Clear the queue](#), [The last report](#)

Checking parameters

Check the link efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Check availability of a backward link	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check Google PR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Check Yandex CY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Obtain favicon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The number of intermediate results on the page while checking	<input type="text" value="5"/>
Time limit for each page of intermediate results (sec.)	<input type="text" value="100"/>
Submitted automatically	<input type="text" value="Never"/>

Check

Sort by:

Total number of checked links: 1

☐ Mark all the links on the page

	In	Out	PR	CY	ID
 Toyota / 12-05-2008 / 04-06-2008	0	0	-	-	2789

<http://www.toyota.com/>

Categories: [Japanese Cars](#) :: [Toyota](#)

Description: Official Site of Toyota Motor Sales - cars, trucks, SUVs, hybrids, accessories & motorsports.

☐ [Delete](#) • [To new](#) • [Submit](#) • [Edit](#) • [0](#) [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#) [6](#) [7](#) [8](#) [9](#) [10](#) • [Check](#) • [Cancel checking](#)

☐ Mark all the links on the page

☒ All marked links ☐ All found links

Fig. 32 – Links Checking Parameters

At the bottom of the page is a queue of links waiting to be checked. The list can be sorted by standard parameters (name, popularity etc.).

To cancel checking of a link, you should use the option *Cancel checking* (this option is displayed in the menu of a checked link at all sections, to which the link belongs).

To cancel checking of all links found in this section, you should use the option *Clear the queue*.

To view the results of the last check, you should use the option *The last report*.

To start checking, use the *Check* option: checking process will be displayed on the screen.

As the scripts execution time is usually limited at the server and links checking requires certain time period, the page with intermediate results is updated automatically in case the parameter *Time limit for each page of intermediate results* has been exceeded. Besides, the page is refreshed according to the parameter *The number of intermediate results on the page while checking*.

Final check results are displayed in the report form:

Checking / Report

[Queue](#), [Delete the report](#)

☒ All ☐ Working ☐ Broken

Sort by:

Total number of checked links: 2

☐ Mark all the links at the page

	In	Out	PR	CY	Id
 CNStats Rating - the program suite for web-sites rating management ★ x 4 / 27-11-2007 / 15-12-2007	1	0	5	850	2743
http://www.cn-software.com/en/cnstats-rating/ 					
Categories: Software ::: Real Time Analysis Software ::: Ratings Software ::: Counters					
Description: The CNStats Rating system has been designed to collect and analyze stats for attendance of any web-site and build visiting ratings rubricated by different categories.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Delete • To new • Submit • Edit • 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 • Check • To the checking queue					
 Logaholic Web Site Statistics / 07-06-2006	3	0	4	-	2739
http://www.logaholic.com/  					
Categories: Software ::: Log-file Analysis					
Description: Logaholic Web Site Statistics. Convert logs to MySQL.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Delete • To new • Submit • Edit • 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 • Check • To the checking queue					

☒ With marked links ☐ With all found links

Fig. 33 – Links Check Report

The list of checked links can also be sorted by efficiency.

To return to the checking form, use the option *Queue*.

To delete the current report, you should use the option *Delete the report*.

5.1.9 Duplicated Links

The section contains duplicated links (with equal URL), probably, submitted to the catalogue by mistake:

Links / Duplicated

[2] <http://google.com>

Fig. 34 – List of Duplicated Links

To view and edit the links details, you should click on their names in the list.

5.1.10 Adding Link

A link addition procedure in the administrator interface is analogous to the above-described one for a user (see [Adding Link](#)), except for absence of limitations (for example, for maximum number of categories) and additional parameters of a link display in the catalogue. Besides, the administrator can add several links at once (maximum number is 10).

At the first step, you should specify the number of added links, categories, filters value (if any), and state (links with the state *Submitted* will be added to the catalogue immediately after filling in the form). These parameters will be set automatically for all added links, but they can be changed at the next step.

Links / Adding

Options

The number of links

Categories

- ☐ American Cars
 - ☐ A Body Mopar Forum
 - ☐ American Car Parts
 - ☐ Chevrolet
 - ☐ Chevy Xtreme
 - ☐ Chrysler
 - ☐ Dodge
 - ☐ Dodge Pilothouse Club
 - ☐ Ford
 - ☐ Ford Forum
 - ☐ Jeep
- ☐ CNCat
 - ☐ Articles
 - ☐ API
 - ☐ Banners

Site

- ☐ Official
- ☐ Unofficial
- ☐ Web-catalogue

Availability

- ☐ Forum
- ☐ Online Shop
- ☐ Car Parts

☐ New ☒ Submitted

Continue

Fig. 35 – Adding Link: Step 1

Further, you should define standard link parameters (name, address, description etc.), as well as additional parameters:

- define display variant for a link and its detailed description;
- define ‘favourite’ level for a link by setting the required level. Favourite links are displayed at the top of the links list and are marked by star icons. The number of stars corresponds to the indicated level (maximum – 10). Sorting of favourite links is performed in decreasing order (notwithstanding the order set by the user).

Links / Adding

Link 1	
The site name	<input type="text"/>
The site URL	<input type="text"/>
URL of the page with a backward link	<input type="text"/>
Categories	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> American Cars<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> A Body Mopar Forum<input type="checkbox"/> American Car Parts<input type="checkbox"/> Chevrolet<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Chevy Xtreme<input type="checkbox"/> Chrysler<input type="checkbox"/> Dodge<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Dodge Pilothouse Club<input type="checkbox"/> Ford<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Ford Forum<input type="checkbox"/> Jeep<input type="checkbox"/> CNCat<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Articles<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> API<input type="checkbox"/> Banners</div>
E-Mail	<input type="text"/>
Description	<div></div>
Full description	<div><div>B I U </div><div></div></div>
Keywords in META	<input type="text"/>
Description in META	<input type="text"/>
Jumps from the site / Jumps to the site	<input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="0"/>
PR / CY	<input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="0"/>
Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Official <input type="checkbox"/> Unofficial <input type="checkbox"/> Web-catalogue
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/> Forum <input type="checkbox"/> Online Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Car Parts
Link display mode	<div>By default (as in the settings) ▼</div>
Full description display mode	<div>By default (as in the settings) ▼</div>
Favourite links (level)	<input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="0"/>
Status	<input type="radio"/> New <input checked="" type="radio"/> Submitted <input type="radio"/> Deleted
Send email notification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<div>Add Cancel</div>	

Fig. 36 – Adding Link: Step 2

To finish adding link, click the **Add** button.


Provided that all data have been entered correctly, the link will be added to the corresponding section according to the specified state (*New* or *Submitted*).

5.1.11 Adding Article

To add an article, select the *Links and Articles – Add Article* option. The process of adding an article via Administrator interface is the same as of adding a link (see [Adding Link](#))

5.1.12 Adding Image for Link/Article

When you add new link/article or edit already submitted link/article, you can also add an image into the article's text or into the link description. To do this:

1. On the adding or editing form, click  on the toolbar of the text or full description field (see Fig. 36). As a result the dialog box for adding image will be displayed for you:

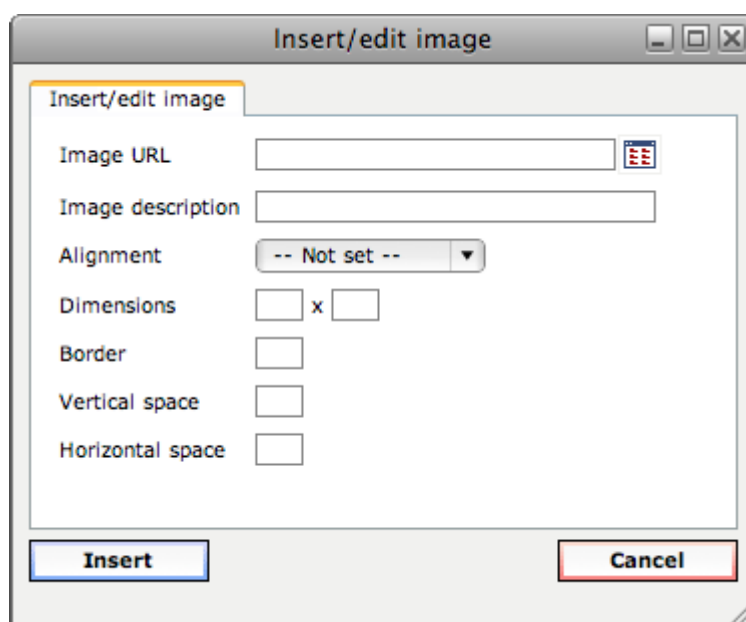



Fig. 37– Adding Image

2. You can either enter the path to an image in the *Image URL* field or select the image in the database by clicking on the  icon. In the latter case, the window with the list of images will be displayed (Fig. 38)

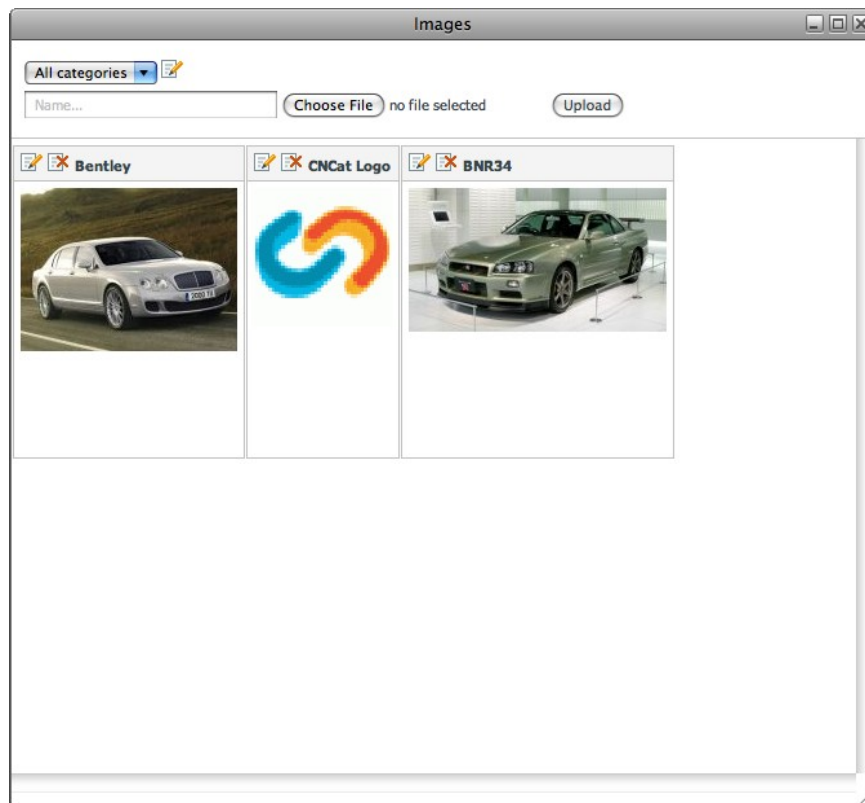


Fig. 38 – List of Images in Database

3. The list of images displays only those images that are currently available in the database (see paragraph [Managing Images in Database](#)). Select the image you want to make its path display in the name field (see Fig. 37).
4. In the window of adding image (Fig. 37), you can set up the way an image will be displayed in the text (alignment, dimensions, border, vertical and horizontal space). Click the **Insert** button to display the image in the description of your link or in the text of the article.

5.2 Catalogue Elements

5.2.1 Categories

The section *Categories* is intended for modification of the catalogue categories.

The section presents a table containing names of the catalogue categories and subcategories, the number of links/articles (within the whole category/within subcategories), paths (used on the catalogue pages URL) and sorting order:

Categories list

	Category	Path	Sorting	ID				
	Main	/	0	64				
	- American Cars (0/10)	/USA	1000	51				
	- - Dodge (1/2)	/USA/dodge	991	54				
	- - - Dodge Pilothouse Club (1/1)	/USA/dodge/dodge	998	80				
	- - Ford (1/2)	/USA/ford	992	66				
	- - - Ford Forum (1/1)	/USA/ford/ford	999	78				
	- - Chevrolet (1/2)	/USA/chevrolet	993	53				
	- - - Chevy Xtreme (1/1)	/USA/chevrolet/chevrolet	1000	79				
	- - Chrysler (1/1)	/USA/chrysler	994	68				
	- - Jeep (1/1)	/USA/jeep	995	67				
	- - A Body Mopar Forum (1/1)	/USA/	997	69				
	- - American Car Parts (1/1)	/USA/	1000	73				
	- French Cars (0/3)	/french	1000	52				
	- - Citroen (1/1)	/french/citroen	1000	93				
	- - Peugeot (1/1)	/french/peugeot	1000	94				
	- - Renault (1/1)	/french/	1000	95				
	- German Cars (0/9)	/	1000	50				

- Edit;
 - Delete;
 - Add a child category;
 - Add a cross-category;

Fig. 39 - Catalogue Categories

To view a category or a subcategory, you should click on its name.

You can create, edit, and delete categories, subcategories, and cross-categories by means of corresponding icons located next to each category name in the table.

To create a category, you should click on the icon in a row of the corresponding parent category. The *Main* category is a parent for all categories of the first level. You cannot add links to the *Main* category.

Categories / Adding a child category

[Categories list](#)

In «Discuss» category	
Name	<input type="text"/>
Path	<input type="text"/>
Sorting order	<input type="text" value="1000"/>
Description	<div></div>
Keywords in META	<input type="text"/>
Description in META	<input type="text"/>
Disable ability to add entries	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disable ability to add entries to child categories	<input type="checkbox"/>
Image	<div>Choose File no file selected</div>
<div>Add</div>	

Fig. 40 – Creating Child Category

You should specify the following parameters in the form:


- the category name (mandatory);
- path to the category file (mandatory);
- sorting order for display in the catalogue;
- the catalogue description;
- values of META-tags 'keywords' and 'description';
- disable/enable adding entries to the category;
- disable/enable adding entries to the child category;
- an image for the category.

To complete the addition, click the **Add** button.

Provided that all data have been entered correctly, the category will be added to the list.

Note 1. The path to the category is used in 'user-friendly' addresses of the catalogue pages (see Links style).

Note 2. The level of categories nesting is unlimited, provided that 'Common' links style is used. Upon using other styles maximum nesting level is limited by maximum URL length (it may vary, depending on a browser and a web-server; it is recommended not to exceed 1000 symbols).

To edit a category/subcategory, you should select its name in the table and click on the icon  in the corresponding row: editing form will be displayed on the screen:

Categories / Editing


[Categories list](#)

Category «Discuss»	
Name	<input type="text" value="Discuss"/>
Path	<input type="text" value="discuss"/>
Change the parent category	<input type="checkbox"/> Main *
Sorting order	<input type="text" value="1000"/>
Description	<div></div>
Keywords in META	<input type="text"/>
Description in META	<input type="text"/>
Disable ability to add entries	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disable ability to add entries to child categories	<input type="checkbox"/>
Image	<input type="button" value="Choose File"/> no file selected
Entries batch deletion	
Delete all entries (0)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delete all entries from child categories (0)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entries batch moving	
Move all entries (0)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Move all entries from child categories (0)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discuss *	
<input type="button" value="Save"/>	

Fig. 41 – Editing Category

Editing algorithm is equal to adding, except for the following options:

- to change a parent category, you should mark the corresponding option and select the required category in the list;
- to delete an image (if any), check the corresponding option;
- to move and/or delete groups of the category elements (including child categories), you should check the corresponding options in the required groups of fields.

A cross-category is a subject link to a real category. To add a cross-category, you should select the category, to which a cross-category should be added, and click on the icon  in its row: As a result the adding form will be displayed on the screen:

Categories / Adding a cross-category

[Categories list](#)

In «External Services» category

Name

Sorting order

1000

Link to category

Discuss

Description

Image

Choose File

no file selected

Add

Fig. 42 – Adding Cross-category


You should specify the following parameters in this form:

- the cross-category name (mandatory);
- sorting order;
- a category, to which the cross-category will refer (mandatory);
- description of the cross-category;
- a picture for the cross-category.

To complete the adding, click the **Add** button.

Provided that all data have been entered correctly, the cross-category will be added to the list.





A cross-category is marked with the symbol @ in the catalogue.

To delete a category/subcategory, you should select it in the list and click on the icon . You can delete only an empty category/subcategory, which does not contain links. To delete a non-empty category, you should first delete all its elements or move them to other category.

5.2.2 Filters













The section is intended for creation of filters, which present a mechanism of additional subject sorting of links and articles in the catalogue. The number of filters and their values is unlimited:

Filters

Name	Mandatory	Sorting		
Site	No	1000		
Availability	No	1000		

Optional ▼

Add

Filter	Value	Sorting		
Site	Official	1000		
	Unofficial	1000		
	Web-catalogue	1000		
Availability	Forum	1000		
	Online Shop	1000		
	Car Parts	1000		

Site ▼



1000
Add

Fig. 43 – Filters and Their Values

To create a filter, you should enter its name in a text field below the filters list, define optional/mandatory attribute and sorting order value, and then click the **Add** button: the filter will be added to the list in the upper table.


When adding a link, you should define at least one value for mandatory filters.

Next, you should create values for the new filter. To create a value, you should select the filter name in the drop-down list at the bottom of the form, enter the value name in a text field, define sorting order and click the **Add** button: the filter value will be added to the list in the lower table.

To edit and delete filters and their values, you should click on the icons  and  correspondingly.

5.2.3 Managing Images in Database

To add images into the database, go to the *Catalogue Elements – Images* page, and then click the **Browse** (Choose file) button in the window containing images (Fig. 38), and then select the image on the local drive. In the name field, enter the name you want to be displayed above the image as a title. Then, click the **Upload** button. As a result, the currently selected image will be displayed in the list of images available in the database.

Besides, you can sort images in the database by the category. To do this, before you add the image to the database, in the dropdown list, select the category you want this image to belong to, and then click the **Select** button. Then, upload the image. To create a new category for images, click  icon next to the categories dropdown list (Fig. 38):

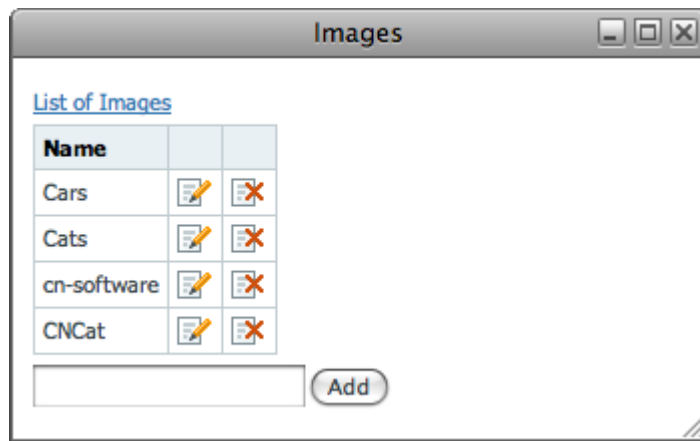


Fig. 44 – Adding Categories for Images

In the displayed dialog of managing categories, enter the name of the new category in the field below the list of categories, and then click the **Add** button. In order to delete or edit the existing category, use or icons correspondingly. To go back to the list of images, click *List of Images* link.

To edit any of the images in the database, click icon above the desired image (Fig. 45):

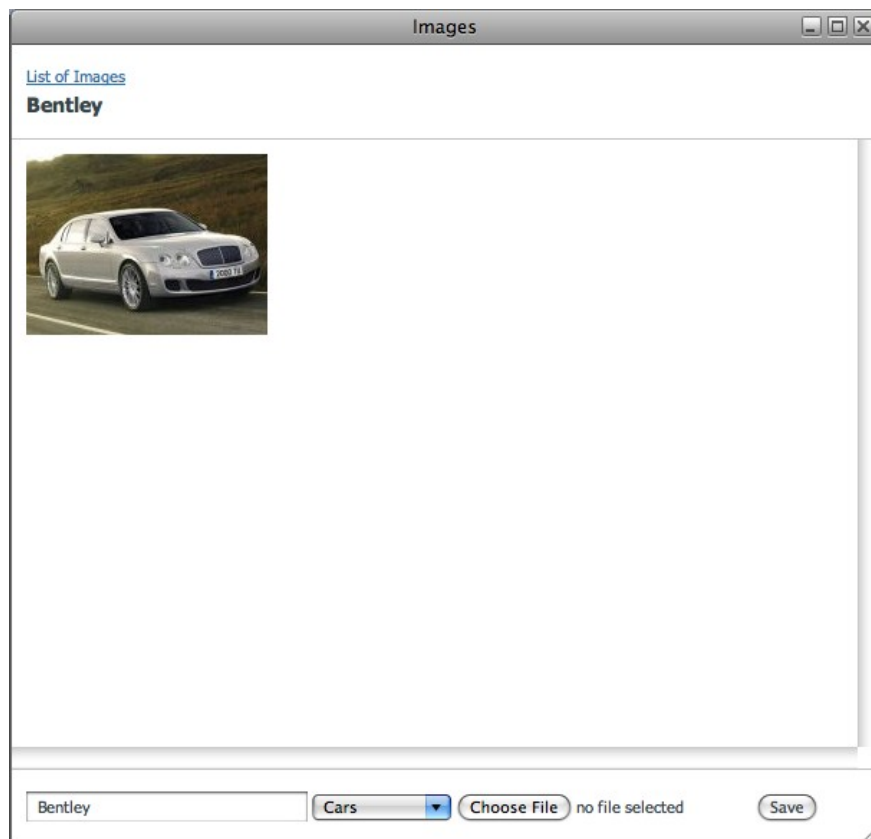


Fig. 45 – Editing Images in Database

In the window of editing images, you can:

- add or change the title for an image;
- specify the category you want to sort an image by (select the category in the drop-down list);
- upload another image instead of the current one.

Make sure you save your changes before closing the window.

To define the maximal size of the images (in pixels) that can be stored in the database, go to *Settings – Catalogue* page. Also, you can specify the size of the thumbnails there which appear as previews in the database.

5.2.4 Managing Banners

To enable displaying banners in the catalogue:

- either select the *Display banners* option on the *Settings – Catalogue* page;
- or check the Display banners box and then click Save on the *Catalogue Elements – Banners* page.

On the administrator *Catalogue Elements – Banners* page, you can manage the way banners will be displayed on the pages of the catalogue.

Banners

☒ Display banners

[Add Banner](#)

Banner Code	Comment	Page	Position	PHP Support	Sorting order	Display		
		On all pages	At the top	No	1000	Yes		

Fig. 46 – Banners List

To add a banner onto the catalogue page(s), select the *Add Banner* option.

Banners / Adding

[Banners List](#)

Banner	
Banner Code	<pre></pre>
Comment	<input type="text"/>
Page	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> On all pages <input type="radio"/> Only on the main page <input type="radio"/> On all pages, except the main one <input type="radio"/> In category <div><div>- American Cars</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Including subcategories</div></div> <input type="radio"/> By URI template <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> On search page <input type="radio"/> On sitemap page <input type="radio"/> On page of link adding <input type="radio"/> On page of article adding <input type="radio"/> On page with detailed description <div><input type="checkbox"/> Links <input type="checkbox"/> Articles</div></p>
Position	<div>At the top</div>
Display order	<input type="text" value="1000"/>
PHP Support	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not display	<input type="checkbox"/>
<div>Add</div>	

Fig. 47 – Managing Banners

Using the displayed form, you can perform the following settings:

- Add the banner code into the *Code* field;
- Specify some notes (if any) in the *Comment* field;
- Set up the catalogue page(s) the current banner will be displayed on;
- Select a position on the catalogue page(s) (at the top, to the right, to the left, at the bottom, above the entries, among the entries, below the entries). Note, that banners with the position related to the entries will not be displayed on the pages where there are no list of entries (articles and/or links);
- Specify the banners displaying order (if you have set up two banners for one and the same position, than the banner with the larger sorting number will be displayed);
- Enable php support for the php code banners;
- Disable the current banner.

To edit or delete the existing banners, use  and  icons correspondingly (see Fig. 46).

5.3Settings

5.3.1 Catalogue

This section (*Settings - Catalogue*) contains the catalogue display settings:

Catalogue

General settings

Catalogue name	<input type="text" value="CNCat Links 4.0"/>
The administrator's E-Mail	<input type="text"/>
Language	<input type="text" value="English (utf-8)"/>
Theme	<input type="text" value="Default Theme"/>
Links style	<input type="text" value="New (CNCat 4.x)"/>
Date format (as in PHP-function date)	<input type="text" value="d-m-Y"/>

Hide copyright	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use filters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Display banners	<input type="checkbox"/>
Display full description	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Search method	<input type="text" value="Fulltext"/>
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Entries settings

Number of entries per page	<input type="text" value="10"/>
Number of entries per page in the administrative mode	<input type="text" value="10"/>
Display entries from child categories in the current category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Display sorting mode	<div><input type="checkbox"/> By «Popularity» <input type="checkbox"/> By «Name» <input type="checkbox"/> By «The administrator's vote» <input type="checkbox"/> By «Date» <input type="checkbox"/> By «Google PR» <input type="checkbox"/> By «Yandex CY»</div>
Default sorting order	<input type="text" value="Popularity"/>
Display entries on the main page	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Display new entries	<input type="text" value="On all pages"/>
Number of new entries displayed	<input type="text" value="5"/>
Maximum length of new links descriptions	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Categories settings

Display subcategories of child categories	<input type="text" value="On all pages"/>
Maximum number of displayed subcategories for each child category	<input type="text" value="10"/>
Categories sorting order	<input type="text" value="In the assigned order; then by name"/>
Number of columns in the categories list for each page	<input type="text" value="3"/>
Number of columns in the categories list for other pages	<input type="text" value="3"/>
Separator of categories names in a full name	<input type="text" value=":::"/>
Display the path to the current category on the main page	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Images

Image size	<input type="text" value="640"/> x <input type="text" value="480"/>
Image preview size	<input type="text" value="150"/> x <input type="text" value="150"/>

Fig. 48 – Catalogue Configuration

Links style

This value defines the URL pages of the catalogue. Three types of format are supported:
Common (without mod_rewrite) <http://www.server.com/?c=48&s=0>
New (CNCat 4.x) <http://www.server.com/external-services/site-analyzer/s2p0.html>
Old (CNCat 2.x, 3.x) <http://www.server.com/dir/pop/external-services/site-analyzer/>

5.3.2 Links

This section (*Settings - Links*) contains settings of links processing:

Links

Display parameters

Display Favicon Display from URL ▾

Show icon from Яндекс if it is not in the database ☒

Link display mode Redirect ▾

Open link in new window ☒

Adding link

Adding mode One-step form ▾

Disable ability to add links for visitors ☐

Use CAPTCHA ☒

Use adding without CAPTCHA for robots ☐

Hidden parameter name

Hidden parameter value

Submitted automatically ☐

Message above the form (registration rules etc.) ☐ Display ☐ HTML code

Use the field «URL of the page with a backward link» ☒

Use the field «Author» ☒

Use the field «Full description» ☒

Use the field «Keywords in META» ☒

Use the field «Description in META» ☒

Use WYSIWYG editor for advanced search ☐

Display categories, closed for adding links ☒

Maximum number of symbols in the field «The site URL»

Maximum number of symbols in the field «URL of the page with a backward link»

Length of field «The site name» from: to:

Length of field «E-Mail» from: to:

Length of field «Author» from: to:

Length of field «Description» from: to:

Length of field «Full description» from: to:

Length of field «Keywords in META» from: to:

Length of field «Description in META» from: to:

Maximum number of selected categories

Check URL availability in the database ☒

Ignore www while checking. ☒

Backward link on the same domain ☒

Check the link efficiency ☒

Allowed to add Working ▾

Submitted automatically Never ▾

Save

Fig. 49 – Links Configuration

Comments to certain parameters:

- Links display parameters:
 - *Display favicon* – the link icon display mode.
- Links adding parameters:
 - *Use CAPTCHA* (Completely Automated Public Turing Test to Tell Computers and Humans Apart) – the option, enabling graphic test for robots definition. It is a small image with characters in it, which should be entered to the corresponding field in the form of link addition.
 - *Hidden parameter name* – the name of the parameter used for robots identification.
 - *Hidden parameter value* – the value of the parameter used for robots identification.

Once all necessary parameters have been set up, click the **Save** button to apply the changes.

5.3.3 Articles

To set up working with articles, go to the *Settings – Articles* page of the administrator interface:

Settings / Articles

Adding article	
Allow visitors to add new articles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use CAPTCHA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Message above the form (registration rules etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Display <input type="checkbox"/> HTML code <div></div>
Use the field «Source»	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use the field «URL of the page with a backward link»	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use the field «Author»	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use the field «Keywords in META»	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use the field «Description in META»	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Display categories, closed for adding links	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum number of symbols in the field «Source»	<input type="text" value="100"/>
Maximum number of symbols in the field «URL of the page with a backward link»	<input type="text" value="100"/>
Length of field «Title»	from: <input type="text" value="1"/> to: <input type="text" value="255"/>
Length of field «E-Mail»	from: <input type="text" value="1"/> to: <input type="text" value="100"/>
Length of field «Author»	from: <input type="text" value="0"/> to: <input type="text" value="200"/>
Length of field «Abstract»	from: <input type="text" value="1"/> to: <input type="text" value="2000"/>
Length of field «Article»	from: <input type="text" value="1"/> to: <input type="text" value="20000"/>
Length of field «Keywords in META»	from: <input type="text" value="0"/> to: <input type="text" value="1000"/>
Length of field «Description in META»	from: <input type="text" value="0"/> to: <input type="text" value="1000"/>
Maximum number of selected categories	<input type="text" value="3"/>
Checking source	
Check URL availability in the database	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ignore www while checking.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Backward link on the same domain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check the link efficiency	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allowed to add	<input type="text" value="Any"/>
Submitted automatically	<input type="text" value="Never"/>
<input type="button" value="Save"/>	

Fig. 50 – Articles Configuration

Some parameters of work with articles configuration are analogous to the ones of the links settings (see paragraphs [Links](#) and [Checking Links](#)).

To save and apply the modifications, click the **Save** button.

5.3.4 RSS-feed

You can specify the way RSS-feed will be displayed in your catalogue via *Settings – RSS-feed* page:

Settings / RSS-feed

%CATNAME% - catalogue name;
%TITLE% - category title.

RSS-feed	
Display	Only on the main page
Display	Links and articles
Title	RSS лента для "%TITLE%"
Description	RSS лента каталога "%CATNAME%"
Display entries from child categories in the current category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number of displayed entries	10
Show link	To expanded description
<div>Save</div>	

Fig. 51 –RSS-feed Setup

Specify the parameters presented on the form. Some of these parameters are:

- *Display* access to the RSS-feed: on all pages, only on the main page, on all pages except the main one, do not display.
- *Display* catalogue entries: links and articles, only links, only articles.
- *Title*: specify the title for your RSS-feed. If you use the value "%TITLE%", then it will be replaced by the name of the current category on the catalogue pages.
- *Description*: specify your RSS-feed description. "%CATNAME%" value, in this case, corresponds to the catalogue name.
- *Show link*: to the main page of the catalogue, to expanded description of the link or article, to category which a link or an article is submitted to.

Click the **Save** button for the modifications to take effect.

5.3.5 Checking Links

To set up parameters for checking links, go to the *Settings – Links Checking* page:

Settings / Links checking

Links checking	
Checking method	Sockets (recommended)
Checking timeout	30
Maximum number of redirects	3
Check the link efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Check availability of a backward link	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check Google PR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Check PIndex CY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Obtain favicon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<div>Save</div>	

Fig. 52 – Checking Links

- Links checking parameters (part of the parameters can be modified before links checking in *Checking* section):

- *Checking method* – select method *Sockets*. If your server does not support sockets, then it will automatically enable the second check method *file_get_contents*;
- *Check Google PR/Yandex CY* – check the link rating in search systems Google and Yandex CY.
- *Obtain favicon* – import the link icon from the site.

Click the **Save** button to apply and save your settings.

5.3.6 Notifications

To make your work with links and articles easier, you can set up e-mail notifications which are sent to the users and administrator automatically upon a specific event in the system. Such notifications are set up on the *Settings – Notifications* page:

Fig. 53 – Notifications

Click the **Save** button to save and apply your modifications.

5.3.7 Uncontrolled Jumps Protection

To obtain relevant information on the catalogue links and articles rating level, you can set up the corresponding parameters for popularity estimation on the *Settings – Uncontrolled Jumps Protection* page:

Fig. 54 – Uncontrolled Jumps Protection Settings

The rating level is estimated according to unique IP's. If a visitor jumps several times to/from the site using one and the same IP within the defined timeout period, then only one jump will be counted.

Click the **Save** button to save and apply your settings.

5.3.8 Backward Link

The section is intended to create backward links, which should be located on the site pages upon a link addition. There can be several variants of backward links.

Backward links

[Add a new backward link](#)

HTML code	String for checking	Checking method	Sorting	Display		
%CATNAME%	%BACKURL%	URL	1000	Yes		

Fig. 55 – Backward Link

To create a backward link, you should use the option *Add a new backward link*: adding form will be displayed on the screen:

Backward links / Adding

[Backward links list](#)

%CATNAME% - the catalogue name;
 %BACKURL% - automatically generated link to the catalogue (considering the jumps statistics);
 %SITEID% - the link identifier in the database.

Backward link

HTML code

```
<a target="_blank" href="%BACKURL%">%CATNAME%</a>
```

☐ HTML

Check HTML code availability on the page

☒ URL

Check URL availability

%BACKURL%

☐ RegExp

Check for correspondence to regular expression in [PCRE format](#)

Display order

Do not display when adding a link

☐

Add

Fig. 56 – Adding Backward Link

The following parameters should be set in this form:

- HTML-code, which should be located on the site page;
- check of HTML-code availability on the page;
- check of URL availability;
- check of correspondence to regular expression;
- sorting order;
- display of a backward link upon a link addition.

The administrator can set one of the following variants for checking backward link availability:

- availability of certain HTML-code;
- availability of URL in the format ...;
- compliance with regular expression.

The following macros can be used in HTML-code of a backward link, as well as in checking settings:

- %CATNAME% - the catalogue name;
- %BACKURL% - automatically generated link to the catalogue (considering jumps statistics);
- %SITEID% - the link identifier in the database.

The displayed sorting order of backward links is indicated by a certain number in the field **Display order**. The sorting is performed by increasing this value.

To hide a backward link upon a link addition, you should mark the corresponding option. Nevertheless, a backward link will be checked.

To complete the addition, click the **Add** button.

Provided that all data have been entered correctly, the backward link will be added to the list.

5.3.9 'Black' List

The section is intended to create a list of links templates forbidden for adding:

Black list



Expression	Checking method		
.freedomain.com	Substring		

Fig. 57 – 'Black' List

To add a template, you should select the checking method (a substring or a regular expression) and enter the expression into this field in a suitable format:

Regular expression should be entered in PCRE format with delimiters.

Substring

Add

Fig. 58 – Form for Adding Template

Click the **Add** button – the expression will be displayed in the table.

To edit and delete the expressions, you should click on the icons  and  correspondingly.

It is also possible to create the so called “white” list of exceptions: if there is a substring from the white list in the URL of the forbidden link, then this link can be added to the catalogue:



Exceptions		
www.freedomain.com		

Fig. 59 – Exceptions List

To add an exception, you should enter the expression in a text field and click the **Add** button:

Add

Fig. 60 – Form for Adding Exceptions

To edit and delete exceptions, you should click on the icons  and  correspondingly.

5.3.10 Moderators

The section is intended for management of the catalogue moderators.

Moderators

[Add a new moderator](#)





Login name	E-Mail	Can administrate categories		
moder1	moder1@server.com	No		
moder2	moder2@server.com	Yes		

Fig. 61 – List of Moderators

A moderator manages links in certain categories, which are assigned to him/her by the administrator. Depending on the settings, a moderator may be also allowed to manage these categories.

To add a moderator, you should use the option *Add a new moderator*: adding form will be displayed on the screen:

Moderators / Adding

[Moderators list](#)

Moderator

Login name

moder3

Password

Подтверждение пароля

E-Mail

moder3@server.com

Can administer categories

☒

Categories (the first flag denotes a category; the second one - subcategories.)

☐ ☐ Discuss

☐ Forums

☐ News Groups

☐ ☐ External Services

☐ Site Analysis

☐ Site Statistics

☐ ☐ Information

☐ Articles

☐ ☐ Services

☐ ☐ Software

☐ Counters

☐ IP Address Geo-location

☒ ☒ Log-file Analysis

☒ ☒ Ratings

☐ Real Time Analysis

Add

Fig. 62 – Adding Moderator

The following parameters should be set in this form:

- login name and password for the administrator interface;
- e-mail for notifications;
- prohibition/permission to manage categories (adding and editing);
- selection of a category for managing its links.

There are two flags next to the name of each category. The first one grants the rights to manage this category; the second one – to manage all child categories of this category as well.

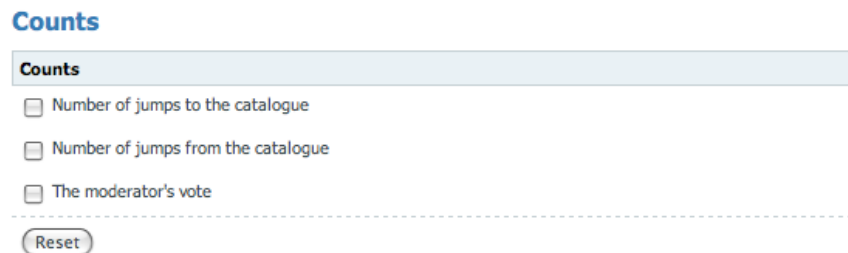
To complete adding, click the **Add** button.

Provided that all data have been entered correctly, the moderator will be added to the list.

To edit and delete moderators, you should click on the icons  and  correspondingly.

5.3.11 Counters

The section is intended to reset the catalogue statistics counters. To do this, you should mark the required counters and click the **Reset** button:



Counts

Counts

☐ Number of jumps to the catalogue

☐ Number of jumps from the catalogue

☐ The moderator's vote

Reset

Fig. 63 – Resetting Catalogue Counters

5.3.12 Service Options

The section contains options for the catalogue service operations:

- database optimization;
- removal of the catalogue contents;
- synchronization of the number of links and names of child categories;
- cleanup of the *Deleted* section:

Service options

Database	
Database size: 144.36 Kb	
Data: 34.36 Kb	
Index: 110 Kb	
Fragmented: 94 b	

Number of rows: 274	
Entries: 34	
Categories: 16	

Optimize	
The catalogue cleanup	
Deletion of all entries, categories, filters, moderators, the black list and backward links without any possibility to restore these data.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I want to delete all the catalogue contents.	
Clean up the catalogue	
Synchronization	
Synchronization of the number of entries and categories names.	
Synchronization	
Recycle bin	
Deletion of all entries from «Deleted» section without any possibility to restore them.	
Total number of deleted entries: 18	
Free space after deletion: ~11.67 Kb	
Delete	

Fig. 64 – Service Options

Note. The catalogue and *Deleted* section cleanup is performed **without any possibility to restore the deleted data**.

5.3.13 Importing

This section (*Settings - Import*) is intended for importing the catalogue data from XML file or from database:

Import

Importing form CNCat 4.x
Importing from XML and database
Importing from CNCat 3.x, 2.x, 1.x
Importing from XML
Importing design
Importing from database

Fig. 65 – Data Importing

As a rule, import procedure is performed before a version update. For more information, see paragraph [Upgrading CNCat 3.1, 2.1, 2.0, 1.4](#).

You can import from CNCat 4x either using old database or XML file:

Import from CNCat 4.x

[Import](#)

Note: All existing data will be deleted while importing to the catalogue.

Максимальный размер загружаемого файла **2M**

Importing from database

Database name

Table prefix

Import

The list of files for import on the server (in the cncat_export folder)

There are no files.

Import

Import from downloaded file

Data file

Choose File

no file selected

Import

Fig. 66 – Importing from CNCat 4.x

You should select the required file for importing from the list of files on the server (if there are any), or specify the file, stored locally on the computer (depending on the chosen location during export procedure). If you import from the database, you should specify the name of the database, you are importing from, and the tables prefix. This information is stored in the file 'config.php'.

Note 1. Importing is impossible without exporting data preliminary (see paragraph [Exporting](#)).

You can import data from previous version of CNCat 3.x, 2.x, 1.x. To perform it, you should use the option *Import from CNCat 3.x, 2.x, 1.x*:

Import from XML of CNCat 2.x, 3.x

[Import](#)

Clean the catalogue before importing (all entries will be deleted without any possibility to restore them; the links importing is performed into an empty catalogue)

☐

Overwrite, if the link with that ID already exists

☐

Omit, if the link with that ID already exists

☒

File with categories

Choose File

no file selected

File with links

Choose File

no file selected

The list of files for import on the server (in the cncat_export folder):

There are no files.

Import

Fig. 67 – Importing from CNCat 3.x, 2.x, 1.x

You should specify the import parameters in this form:

- preliminary deletion of the catalogue contents;
- rewrite or omit the link with the same ID;
- files with data on categories and links.

To start importing, click the **Import** button. For more information on importing from XML file, see paragraph [Importing Data from XML](#).

To import data from database of the previous versions, select Importing from *CNCCat 3.x, 2.x, 1.x* - *Import from Database* (Fig. 65):

Import from database of CNCCat 1.x, 2.x, 3.x

[Import](#)

Note: All existing data will be deleted while importing to the catalogue.

For CNCCat 1.2 and earlier the prefix was not used.
For 1.3-2.x versions was used prefix "cncat_".
For 3.x version prefix was specified during installation (default is "cncat_")

Import options

Database name

Table prefix

Fig. 68 – Importing from DB of Previous Versions

The process of design importing is described in detail in paragraph [Importing Design](#) of the given manual.

5.3.14 Exporting

The section is intended for exporting the catalogue data to XML file. As a rule, export procedure is performed before a version update or for creation of the catalogue backup:

Export

Export parameters

Exported data ☐ Entries, categories, filters, moderators
☐ Backward links
☐ Black list
☐ Settings

Export binary data ☒

Use compression ☐

Storage ☐ Save on the server (in the **cncat_export** folder)
☒ Download via the browser

Fig. 69 – Export Parameters

The following parameters should be set in this form:

- select data for exporting;
- define, whether binary data export should be performed (pictures etc.);
- define, whether XML-file should be compressed in GZIP format;
- the export file storage.

To perform exporting, click the **Export** button.

Note 1. Unlike CNCCat 3.x/2.x, it is impossible to export/import separate elements of the catalogue (only categories or only links) in 4.x version.

Note 2. To save file with the exported data onto the server, you need access rights for the 'cncat_export' folder located in the root of the catalogue. If you have no rights to change it, use Browser for exporting.